

Meet Your Instructor



Introductions

- Hello! My name is Colton Gearhart!
- I am not too formal, so feel free to just call me Colton.
- I am from the Northern Kentucky area and have lived here my most of my life.



More about me!

- I have two pets: coolest cat ever named Kix and a princess standard poodle named Kizzy!
- I miss them everyday when I am here ☺



More about me!

- ▶ Outside of the classroom, my interests include cooking, sports and travelling!

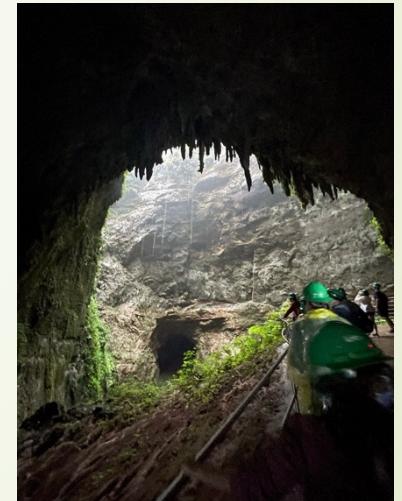
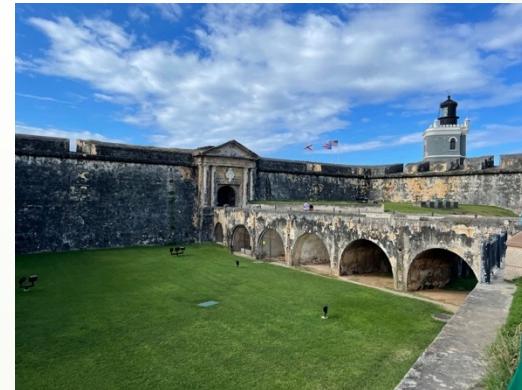
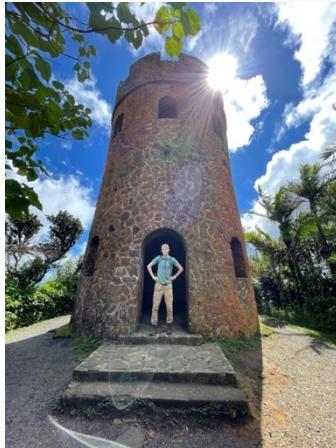


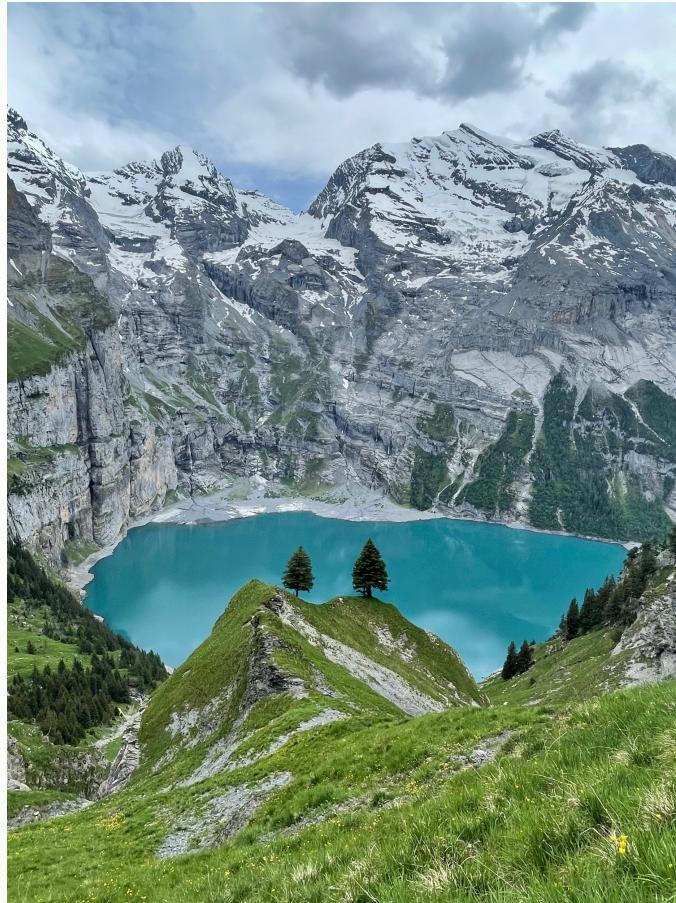
- ▶ I am a huge Liverpool fan, which is a soccer team that plays in England. Also, my family are diehard Duke basketball supporters!



Travels!

- ▶ I have been to national parks all around the country,
- ▶ Puerto Rico, and most recently Italy and Switzerland!





Background

Education

- Graduated from Northern Kentucky University in 2018 with a BS in Mathematics and Statistics
- Graduated from Miami University in 2020 with an MS in Statistics



Professional

- Graduate assistant – Helped teach introductory statistics classes while at Miami
- Professor

Cincinnati State and Columbus State – Taught intro courses for spring and summer semesters of 2021

Ball State University – Started in FA 2021 where I teach MATH 125, 320 (Probability), 321 (Statistics), and DANA 320 (Data Visualization)

Teaching Philosophy

Class Goals

- ▶ Foster a classroom environment that encourages you to take an active part in your learning.
- ▶ Students to feel comfortable sharing your ideas, questions, comments and concerns with me and your classmates.

How

- ▶ More “conversational” lessons rather than just lectures.
- ▶ Structure lessons and present material so that you are **engaged as much as possible**.
- ▶ Lots of **participation opportunities**.

Why

- ▶ For starters, class is wayyy more fun when everyone is involved! **Learning is awesome and its more fun together!**
- ▶ Strongly believe that **community is an important part of learning**.
- ▶ **The more students engage** (participating in lectures, actively solving problems, asking questions), the **more success they will have** (in any class). It's a simple equation!

Challenge to You

- ▶ I hope we can work together to achieve these goals, and if so I guarantee class will be better and more rewarding because of it!

In Closing

- ▶ I think that covers the basics! We are going to learn a lot this semester and have some fun along the way!
- ▶ I look forward to being able to get to know each of you as our semester moves on.

